Wed. 25th

MEMO

To: POINT Board

From: Jerry Mander

cc: Dick Ausnu

This is to inquire whether any of you would care to join me in several upcoming small grants, as follows:

1) Interpretive Ecologics

An organization of young ecologists who also have had extensive experience working in minority communities and who have been running programs which provide wilderness experiences for ~~xxxxxx~~ children who would otherwise not be able to have thme. They work with community groups and also with school systems, and their approach is to provide real survival training and making-it-on-your-own training. No lodges or fancy sleeping bags. They teach how to make-do with whatever you've got. I asked them for a formal proposal and it is attached.

2) First San Francisco Rape Crisis Center.

Proposal attached. The idea is that women who are raped are treated horrendously by police, hospitals, ~~xxxx~~ lawyers, and counselors---the center would be a place where other women would intervene at all stages of the~~xx~~ process, especially in helping the women overcome the terror of the experience. Also, a lot of lobbying and organizing plans go with it.

3) BRAZIL

I plan several grants as a followupto the Brazil conference recently held at my house. First of all to NACLA, the research organization in Berkeley which is making six month studies of ten American corporations involved in ripping apart the Brazilian interior. They will particular get the goods on 1) corporate lying about what's going on, 2) the extent of the mess that's being made ecologically, 3) the effect on Indian populations--often death, always destructio to cultures and home terriotry. NACLA IS very well equipped to do this work; they have the contacts in Brazil and also the staff and equipment needed. Thiese studies should probably come in at around $ 3,500.

Secondly, Bruce Terris, the Washington lawyer who has provided most of the critical backup research for the big Sierra Club and F.O.E. law cases on the Alaska Pipeline, SST and others, has agreed to investigate the application of the Nat'l. Environmental policy act to corporations doing business abroad and American agencies operating abroad--particularly Brazil. If it has applicabilit then we can do a lot toward stopping incredible outrageous behavior toward Indians and land in the interior. Also is investigating

possibilexx legal angles in stopping Amer. corps. from doing things in Brazil which are illegal here, e.g., spraying 2,4,5-T onto the jungles and into the bodies of unborn fetuses. (245T is the defoliant used in Vietnam which ravaged the population, especially women and children, as well as totally destroying xxxxxxxxx foliage and laterizing the soil. It was outlawed there, finally, and here but it's okay for American corporations to use in on Indian lands in Brazil!!!)

Bruce's research should come in at a couple of thou before we go to court so any contributions from you all will help make it possible.

(Brief sketth of Brazil conf. is attached...more detailed report at next Board meeting.

So. Could I hear from anyone interested by, say, Friday 4th. Or let Dick Austin know if I can't be reached, as I'll be at Council Grove Conference part of the time.

Thanx friends,

Jerry